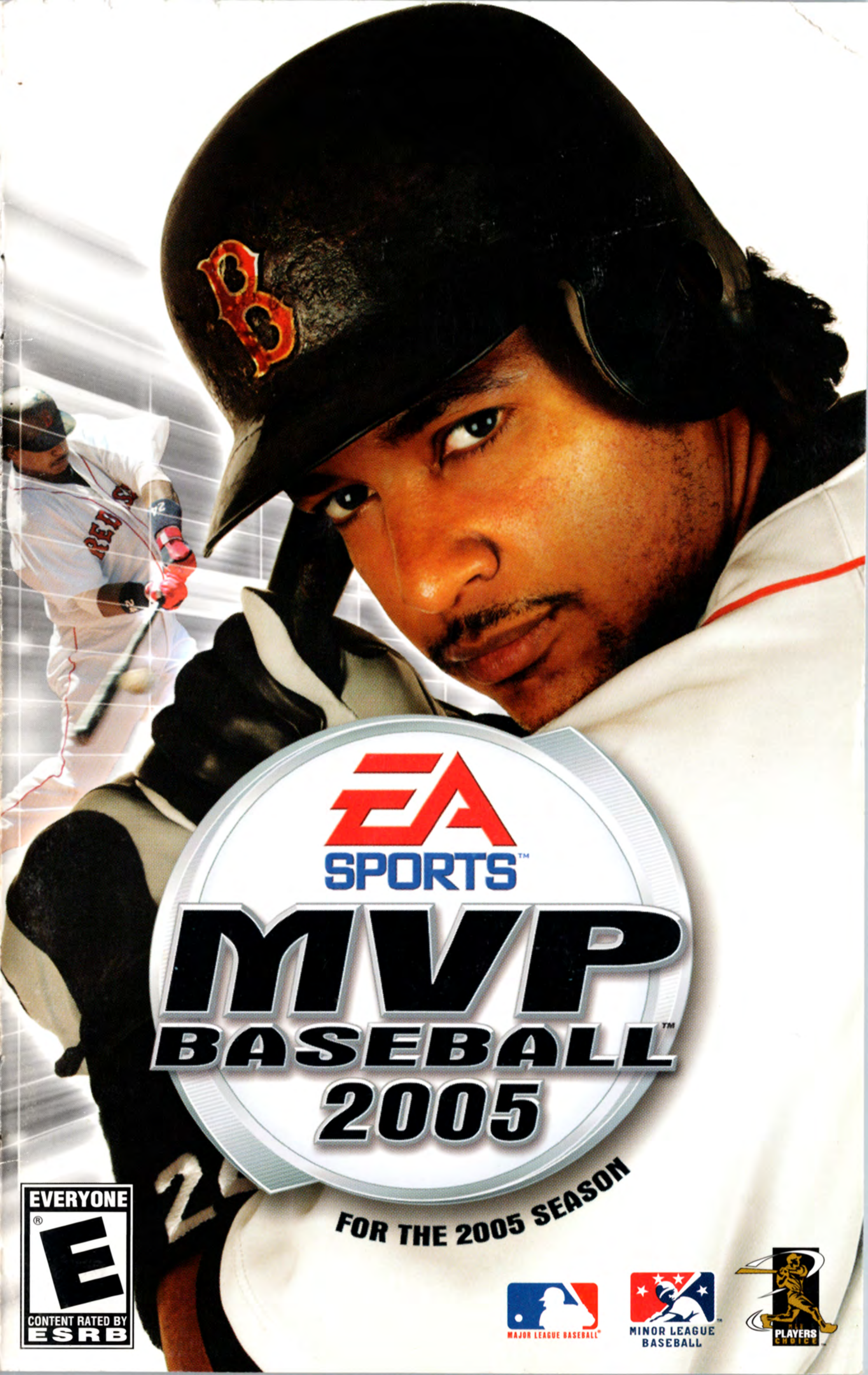




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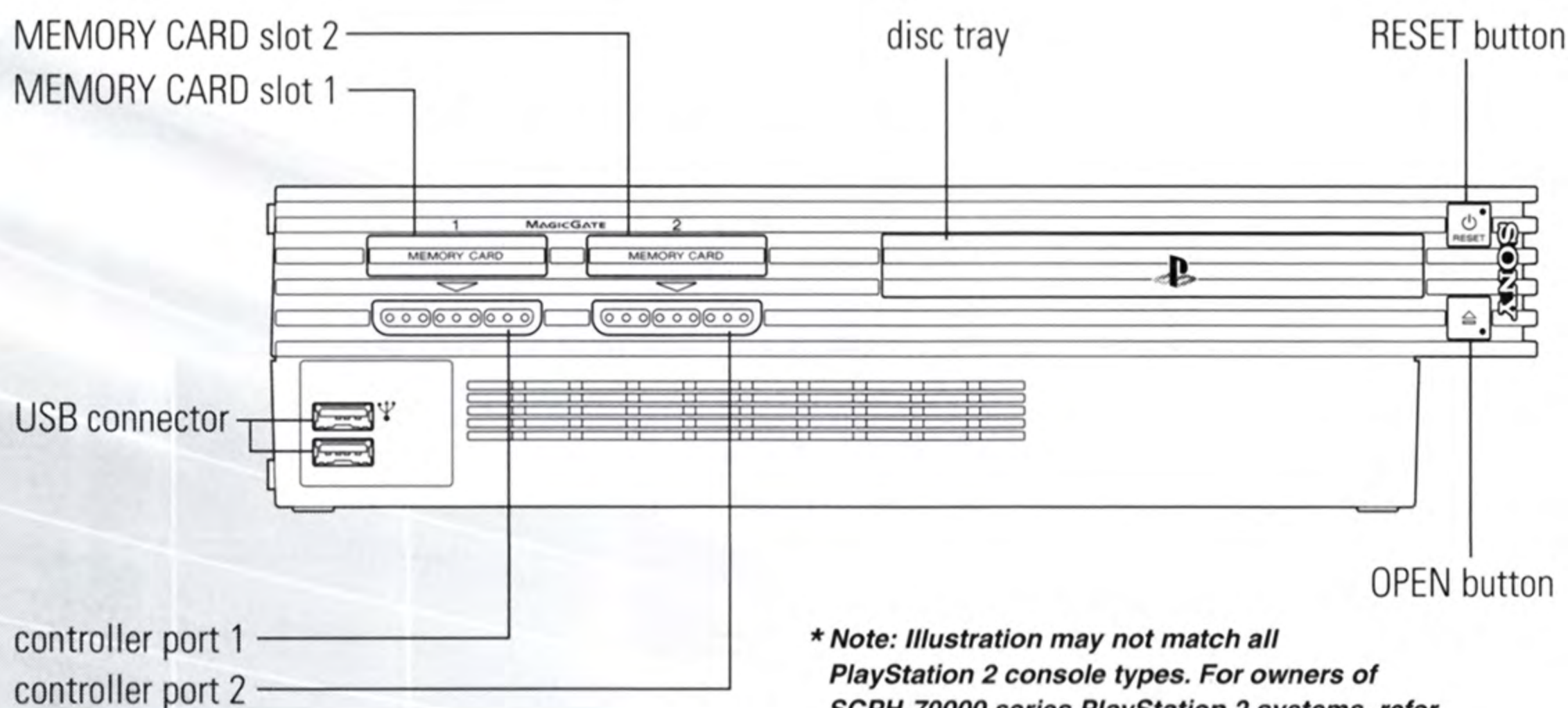
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STARTING THE GAME

PLAYSTATION®2 COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

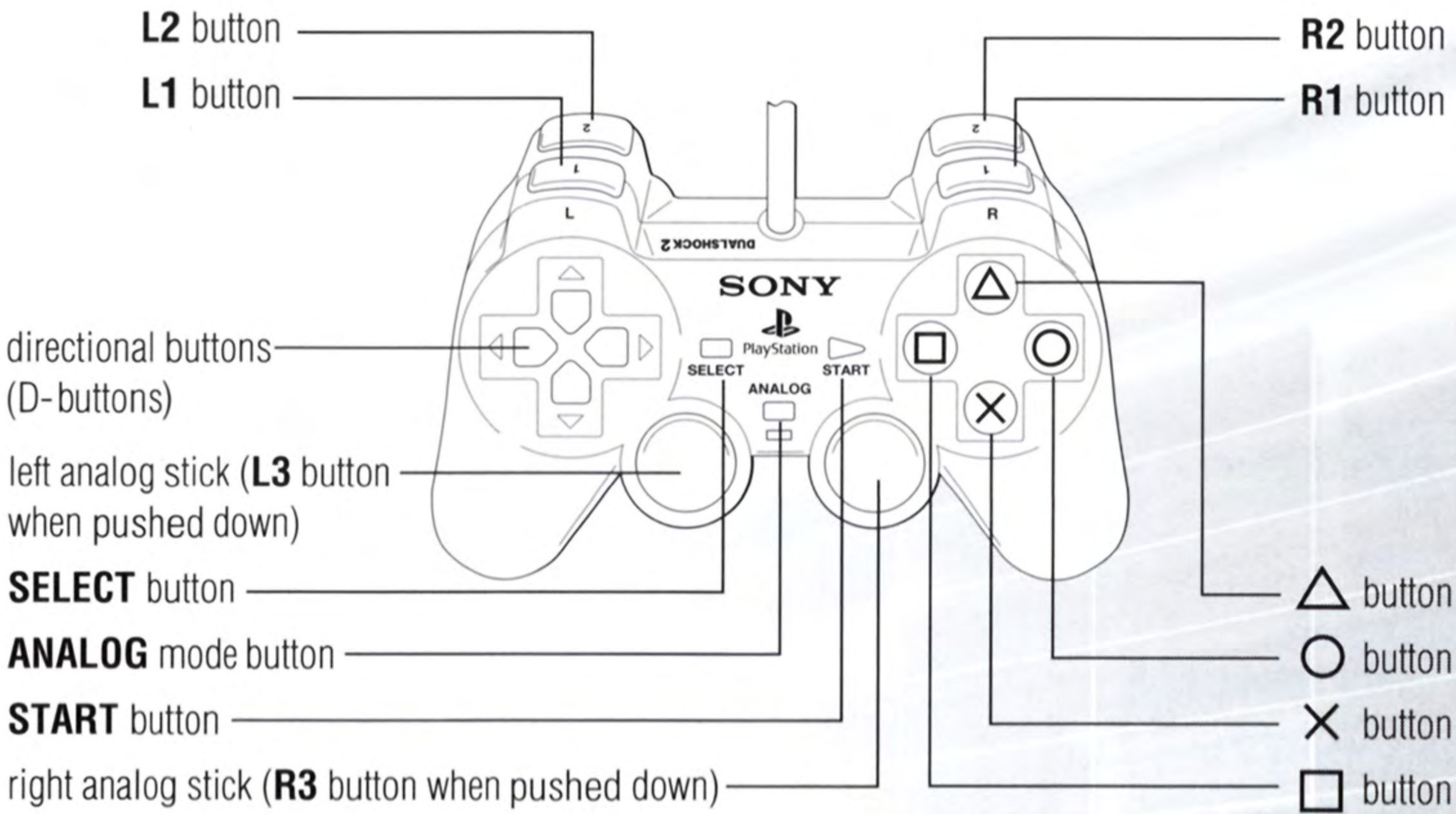


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- 1.** Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual.
- 2.** Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned ON.
- 3.** Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open.
- 4.** Place the *MVP Baseball™ 2005* disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close.
- 5.** Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
- 6.** Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

COMMAND REFERENCE

DUALSHOCK[®]2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



MENU CONTROLS	
Highlight menu items	D-button ↑
Cycle choices/Move sliders	D-button ↔
Select/Go to next screen	X button
Return to previous screen	triangle button

COMPLETE CONTROLS

With additions like the EA SPORTS™ Hitter's Eye and Precision Pitching, the playing field has been leveled. Practice these controls to get any advantage you can.

OFFENSE

BATTING

Swing	X button
Check swing	X button (release quickly after pressing)
Bunt	R3 button (hold; release to pull back) Before the pitch for sacrifice bunt, or during the pitch for a base hit bunt
NEW Move in the batter's box	L2 button + left analog stick ↔ (As you move during the pitch, your hot and cold zones move as well to prevent pitchers from only targeting your cold zones)
Charge mound (after being hit by a pitch)	△ button
Access the Pause menu	START button
Pitch/Swing Analysis Replay/ Mute EA SPORTS™ Talk (Online Only)	SELECT button

EA SPORTS™ PURE SWING SYSTEM

Pressing the left analog stick in the appropriate direction based on pitch location during your swing changes the way the ball reacts off the bat.

To take an uppercut swing, press the left analog stick ↖/↑/↗ while swinging. This increases the chances of hitting a fly ball, but also increases your chances of poor quality contact if the pitch isn't up in the zone.

To hit the ball on the ground, press the left analog stick ↙/↓/↘ while swinging. Keep in mind that pitches up in the strike zone are very difficult to hit on the ground.

To hit the ball to the left, press the left analog stick ↙/←/↖ while swinging. For the best results, use this technique when the pitch is coming in on the left side of the plate.

To hit the ball to the right, press the left analog stick ↘/→/↗ while swinging. For the best results, use this technique when the pitch is coming in on the right side of the plate.

BASERUNNING	
Control runner at 1st/2nd/3rd	○ button, △ button, or □ button
Steal/Choose base destination	Select a runner, then press the D-button (toward base you are trying to steal) L1 button (advance all runners) R1 button (retreat all runners)
Quickly return to a base during a pickoff attempt	right analog stick
Head-first slide/Railroad the catcher at home	right analog stick ↑
Head-first slide to the left/right side of the bag	right analog stick ↖/↗
Pop-up slide	right analog stick ↓
Hook slide to the right/left side of the bag	right analog stick ↘/↙

NOTE: If you do not select a runner, your baserunning command defaults to the lead runner.

DEFENSE

Paint the corners and change speeds to keep the batters guessing with the all-new Precision Pitching system.

PITCHING	
Choose pitch location	left analog stick
Throw a pitch	⊗ button, ○ button, △ button, □ button, or R1 button
NEW Quick pickoff attempt	L1 button + ○ button, △ button, or □ button
Normal pickoff attempt	L2 button + ○ button, △ button, or □ button
Pitchout	L1 button + ⊗ button
Intentional walk	L1 button + R3 button
Intentionally hit a batter	L1 button + L3 button
Choose infield/outfield alignment (before pitch)	R2 button (hold) (D-button ↔ to choose a category)
View pitch history	L3 button + L1 button or R1 button to toggle at bats
View Bullpen/Dugout menu	R2 button (D-button ↔ to toggle between bullpens and dugouts)
Access the Pause menu	▶ button START

NOTE: Most pitchers have a unique pitching repertoire. Besides the four-seam fastball, which is always assigned to the ⊗ button, other pitches are assigned to different buttons depending on the pitcher's arsenal.

PRECISION PITCH METER

Follow these steps to pitch like a modern-day Cy Young:



- 1 Press and hold the button for the pitch you want to throw to get this bar moving.
- 2 When the bar reaches this point, release the button. The closer the bar is to the end of the meter, the more effective the pitch.
- 3 Press the pitch button again when the bar is as close as possible to this green perfect zone. The closer you are to the green zone, the more accurate the pitch.

NOTE: The Pitch feedback tells you how close you were to the green zone.

FIELDING

You can't win without solid fielding skills.

Move fielder	left analog stick
Change fielders	L1 button
Dive/Stretch for the ball	right analog stick ↔ toward the ball
Climb wall/Jump for a ball over your head	right analog stick ↑
Make a sliding catch	right analog stick ↓ as the ball approaches
Throw to home, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd	X button, O button, Δ button, or ◻ button (hold to power up, release to throw)
Throw to the cut-off man/Relay throw	R2 button (hold to power up, release to throw)
Fake throw	X button, O button, Δ button, or ◻ button then R1 button

NOTE: The CPU automatically adjusts your defensive alignment based on the situation. You can override this by choosing the infield and outfield alignments yourself—as shown in the pitching controls.

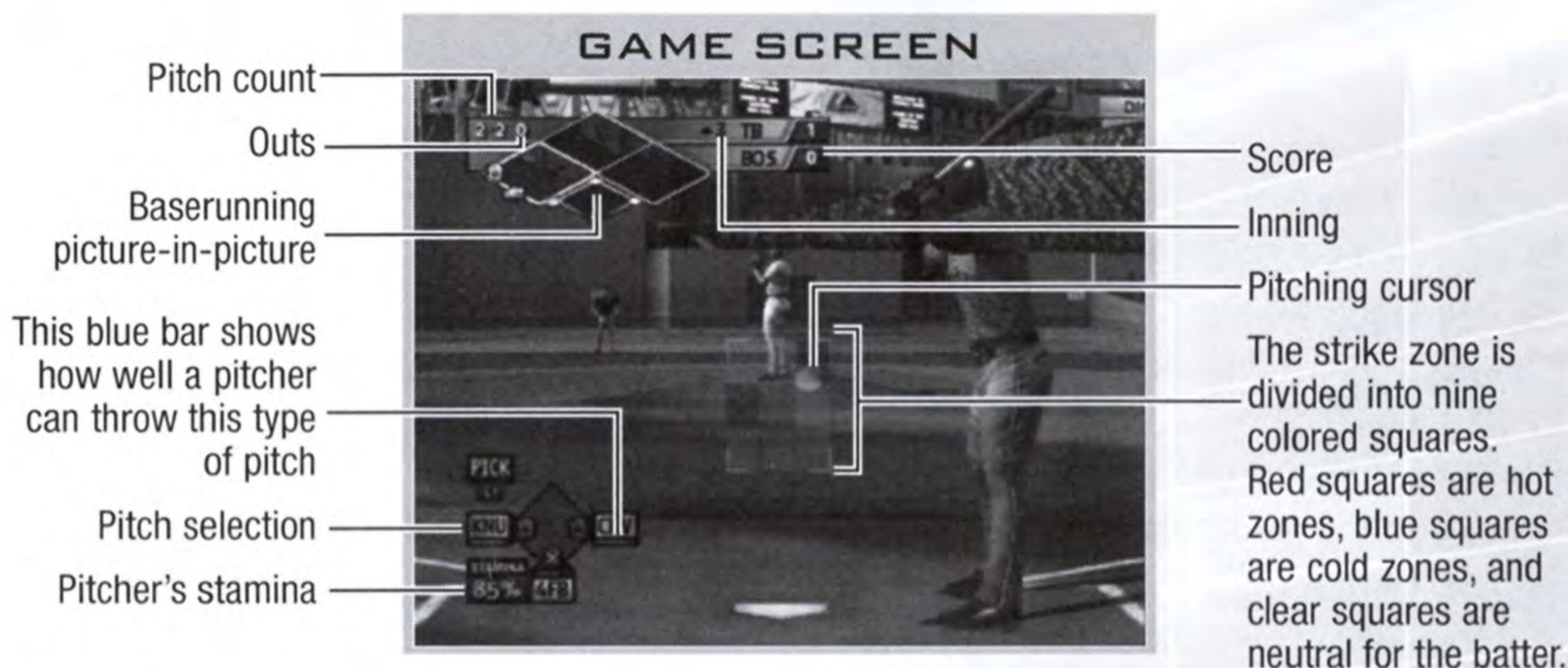
PLAY NOW

Pick your teams and get on the field. In Play Now mode, it's that simple.

To begin a Play Now game, select a Home and Away team from the Select Team screen, then move the controller icon beneath the team you want to play as. That's it—you're ready to hit the field!

PLAYING THE GAME

Lace up your cleats—it's game time.



NEW THE EA SPORTS™ HITTER'S EYE

Read the pitch the moment it leaves the pitcher's hand with the EA SPORTS Hitter's Eye. The ball's color during the initial split second after release indicates what the type of pitch.

Fastball	White
Breaking ball	Red
Off-speed pitch	Green
Sinking pitch	Purple
Knuckleball	Orange

NEW PITCH/SWING ANALYSIS REPLAY

Analyze each swing with the Pitch/Swing Analysis Replay. Review your timing and swing location to see how you handled the previous pitch or scout what the pitcher is offering. Access the Pitch/Swing Analysis Replay by pressing the  button or from the Pause menu—this feature is not available during online play.

NEW MANAGER ARGUMENTS

Have your manager argue calls by pressing the  button during the auto replay or via the Your Dugout section of the Bullpen menu. Intensify the argument by rapidly pressing the  button. A well timed argument can give your team an attribute boost, while a poorly timed one can frustrate your team and give them an attribute penalty. Sometimes arguments have no result. Listen to the commentators during the cut scenes to figure out which you received.

EA SPORTS™ TIP: Manager arguments are more likely to get a boost on very close plays or blown calls so watch the entire replay before sending your manager out. Arguing balls and strikes is an automatic ticket to the shower and if you get kicked out the CPU will make all the managerial decisions for the rest of the game. Be smart!

GAME MODES

MVP Baseball 2005 has several game modes—including the new in-depth Owner Mode, which lets you build your own stadium and run your franchise for 30 seasons.

EXHIBITION

Play a single game with more control over rosters and options than a Play Now game. You can set your starting lineup and choose your stadium before heading into the game.

DYNASTY MODE™

From setting the day-to-day lineup to signing free agents, Dynasty Mode™ gives you complete control over every aspect of your team for up to 120 seasons—from the Majors all the way through Single-A.

You're judged against a series of one- and three-year goals. Every milestone you achieve increases your manager rating. Fail to meet your goals, and your rating plummets—as well as your job security.

The Dynasty Management screen is your hub to building your team into a contender. Many of the features are similar to those on the Owner Mode Management screen (see p. 9).

NEW OWNER MODE

You now have the opportunity to put yourself in the shoes of a big-league owner. You have 30 seasons to make your franchise successful by fielding a competitive team and keeping your fans happy.

After setting your options and choosing a team, it's time to build your field of dreams.

NEW CREATE BALLPARK

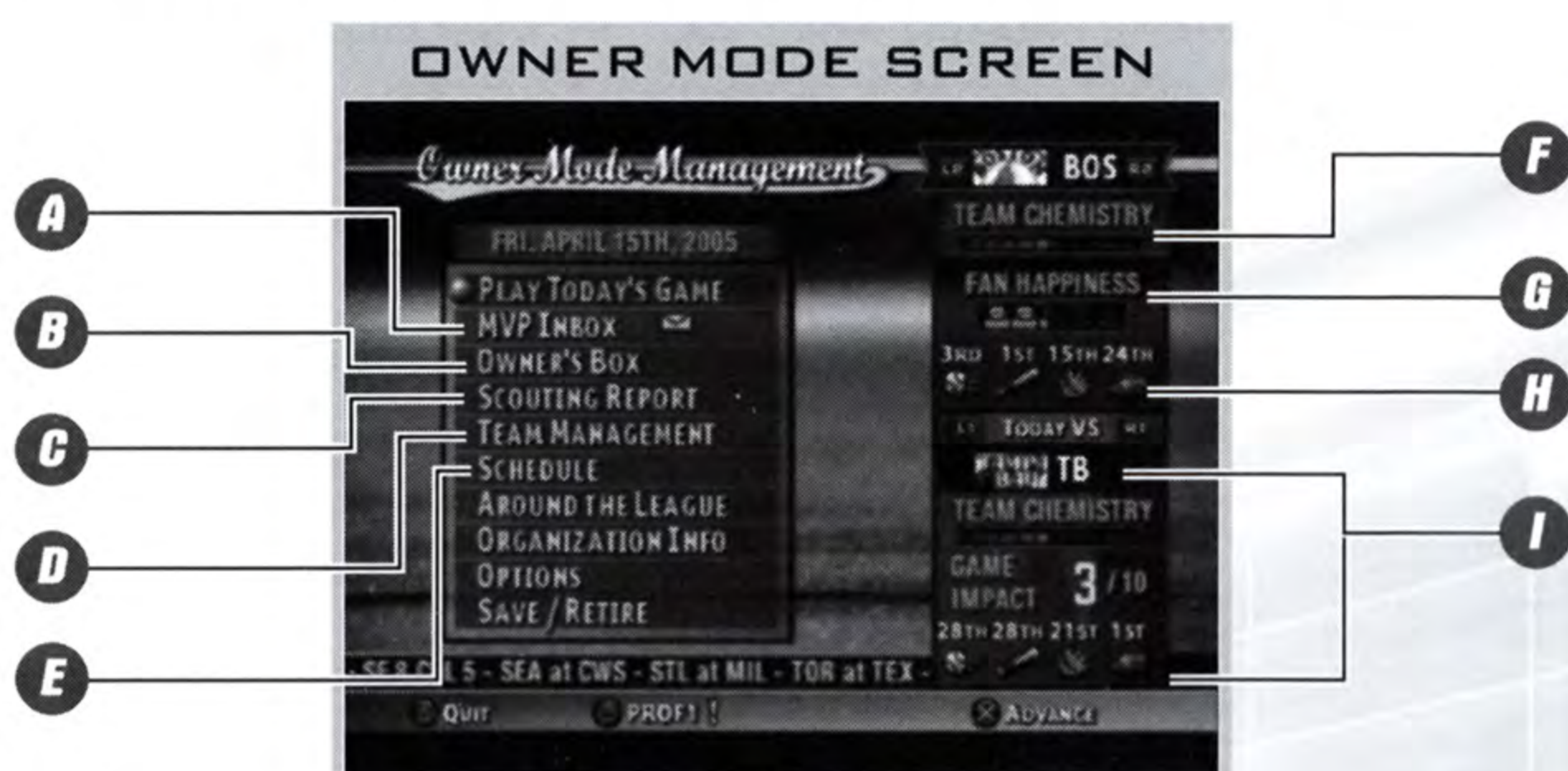
Customize your entire park while keeping your fan base in mind. Remember, the more fans that come through the turnstiles, the more revenue you receive.

Personalize your stadium by selecting a ballpark name, location, field dimensions, and even the mow pattern. The customization options are endless.

Your ballpark starts off very small, without any bells and whistles. Satisfy the fans by purchasing upgrades, but only after you've earned the revenue from TV contracts, merchandise, and ticket sales.

OWNER MODE MANAGEMENT

You control everything from the Owner Mode Management screen. The graphic below explains some of the features accessible from this screen.



- A** Stay informed about your organization by reviewing emails from various sources and reacting to what they tell you.
- B** Make and review key decisions about team finances, pricing, ballpark assets, coaching staff, and much more. This is the financial hub of your organization. You'll spend a lot of time here attempting to balance your budget.
- C** See how you've fared against your opponent in the past and what you'll need to do to be successful in the upcoming games.
- D** Adjust your rosters, acquire players via trade or free agency, and stay on top of your payroll.
- E** Review your upcoming schedule. Select a day in the future to sim up to that point.
- F** Keep your players happy by fielding a good team and paying them what they deserve.
- G** This is an indicator of the overall happiness of your fans. If your team is winning, your stadium fits their needs, and your prices are just right, your fans will be happy. If you field a losing product and your stadium constantly needs upgrading, your fans could jump ship.
- H** See where you rank in the league in pitching, hitting, fielding, and baserunning.
- I** This is the upcoming opponent, their chemistry, the importance of the game, and their ranking.

MVP BASEBALL™ 2005 ONLINE

Play the best players online and earn online rewards.

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PLAYING ONLINE

It's easy to get up and running online. From the Main menu, select GAME MODES, and then MVP ONLINE. From there, you connect to EA SPORTS Online. Follow these instructions to proceed:

1. Select a Network Configuration or create a new one by following the on-screen instructions.
2. Create a new EA account or use an existing one. If you already have an EA Account saved on a memory card (8 MB) (for PlayStation®2), it appears automatically.
3. Choose your EA SPORTS Persona. You can have up to four EA SPORTS Personas. Change, delete, or create new Personas from the Select an EA SPORTS Persona screen.

NOTE: If you have an existing screen name on AOL, AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), Compuserve 2000, or Netscape AOL Instant Messenger, you can use it as your EA Account Name. Visit <http://www.ea.com/mvp-reg> to register, then return to *MVP Baseball 2005* and select USE EXISTING EA ACCOUNT.

PLAYING BEHIND A FIREWALL

We recommend that you do not play behind a firewall, however, if you choose to do so you must open these ports:

UDP 10001 for peer-to-peer gameplay

UDP 6000 for Voice Over IP

TCP 20800-20899 for lobby connectivity

UDP 9550 for EA SPORTS Ticker

TCP 13505 for EA Messenger

TCP 80 for tournaments, lobby and roster downloading data transmission

TCP 443 for DNAS authentication

NOTE: You must have the most current online rosters downloaded to play online. You may save the rosters to your memory card if desired.

NOTE: The game's timeout function may be different than your ISP's. This could lead to high telephone charges if you leave the game unattended.

EA SPORTS™ TALK

EA SPORTS Talk lets you talk to other players. It's activated as soon as you connect to your opponent. A microphone icon with a green soundwave means both users' headsets are functioning. If either headset becomes disconnected, the soundwave disappears and the opponent's symbol changes to a red headset.

NOTE: EA SPORTS Talk supports the Logitech® USB headset, but does not support dial-up modem connections. Both players must have broadband connections.

If your USB headset is plugged into your console and you are not able to communicate, your opponent is either connecting to the Internet through a dial-up modem connection, or they do not have a USB headset connected to their console. You could also be suffering from a low-quality connection.

NEW MINI GAMES

Perfect your skills with the three new mini games.

BATTING MINI GAME

Hone your ability to place your hits where you want. Your goal is to reach a cumulative distance level with only ten pitches. Hit the ball in the direction you are prompted to and the moving ramps will propel the ball, adding to your distance total.

❖ You can rack up bonus points by hitting the moving lawnmowers or the vehicles beyond the outfield fence.

PITCHING MINI GAME & UNTIMED PITCHING MINI GAME

Gain pinpoint precision on the mound with the pitching mini games. The strike zone is divided into colored squares. Each of your pitches corresponds to one of the colors. In the Untimed Pitching mini game you have ten pitches to score as many points as possible by hitting the colored squares with the appropriately colored pitch. In the timed version you have to reach checkpoints to add more time before time runs out.

❖ Blocks of same-colored squares are eliminated when you hit them—the larger the block of squares you knock out with one pitch, the more points you get.

OTHER GAME MODES

These three game modes are easy to understand and incredibly fun to master.

Home Run Showdown Pick a couple of mashers, choose a cumulative distance, and swing for the bleachers. The first player to hit the total distance target wins.

Manager Mode You control the game strategy, while leaving the on-the-field execution to the players in this single-player mode.

Scenario Editor Two outs, bottom of the ninth—create any scenario and play it out to see how you do.

MY MVP

Customize the game to make it your own. Manage your User Profiles, set your Options, unlock rewards, and review your stats and trophies.

To unlock rewards, earn MVP points by completing various tasks throughout the game, and then use those points to unlock legendary teams and players, retro jerseys, and classic stadiums.

NOTE: Accumulated MVP points are added to your User Profile, so don't forget to save your Profile after completing a task.

MANAGE ROSTERS

Shift the balance of power in the league or level the playing field by making changes to any team's roster.

- ❖ Select MANAGE ROSTERS from the Main menu to sign or release free agents, trade players, create your own players, edit player attributes, and much more.

HINTS AND TIPS

BATTING TIPS

Timing is the most important aspect to becoming a solid hitter. If you are trying to pull the ball, start your swing early. When trying to go the other way, wait back on the pitch and swing a bit later. If you swing too early or too late, you'll make poor contact and end up with foul balls and easy outs.

It is also important to time your swing properly when moving the left analog stick left or right.

Keep in mind that the EA SPORTS Pure Swing System tells hitters how to hit the ball, not where to swing. For example, pressing the left analog stick up for a high pitch performs an uppercut swing—it doesn't aim for the pitch up in the zone.

FIELDING TIPS

If you power up the throw into the red zone, you throw harder, but less accurately, which could result in an error.

If you select to throw to either a base or the cut-off man before the ball arrives, the fielder begins his throw immediately after catching the ball.

PITCHING TIPS

The effect of a bad pitch depends on the pitch type. For example, ineffective fastballs are slower than normal, and less effective breaking pitches are flatter.

If a pitcher misses his target in the green accuracy zone by a large amount, an indicator (red for hot zone, blue for cold zone, yellow for ball, white for neutral) appears to show pitch location to the batter.

SAVING AND LOADING

You can save or load Options configurations, Profiles, Rosters, as well as Dynasty Mode and Owner Mode Progress to a memory card.

NOTE: Only MEMORY CARD slot 1 is supported.

NOTE: Never insert or remove a memory card when loading or saving files.

- ❖ A saved Options file and the last User Profile saved to a memory card load automatically at boot-up.

To save a game or configuration, select to save a new file or overwrite an existing one at the Save screen. Enter a name for the saved file.

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